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with the latest ADVICES, FOREIGN and DOMESTICK.

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Advertisements.

WE have often, in a friendly manner, called on the debtors to the late Treasurer's estate, and earnestly requested them on their own accounts, as well as for the sake of that Gentleman's family, to provide, without delay, for the payment of their debts, but we are sorry to observe that our cautions [illegible] have had but little effect, for there still appears to be [illegible] of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND POUNDS due to [illegible] which we fear cannot be obtained from the debtors, in [illegible] time, by the gentle methods we have hitherto used; and as the time is approaching when we shall be called on to pay [illegible] money into the Treasury (a period that perhaps may prove fatal [illegible] only to Mr. *Robinson*'s family but to several of his innocent [illegible], who never borrowed a shilling of publick money) and [illegible] Treasurer has been so kind as to let us know he shall think it his duty to issue executions on the judgments obtained in the General Court against that estate if the money due to the country is not paid into the Treasury by *October* next, which the debtors, [illegible] and gratitude, ought to have paid long ago: We therefore [illegible] it is our indispensable duty to compel them to raise [illegible] what they owe, by issuing executions on them, which [illegible] directed to the, without respect to their persons or [illegible]. If they do not immediately provide the money due [illegible] expeditiously, or give us such assurance as we can rely [illegible] shall be paid in the *October* General Court. And we do [illegible] request the favour of the clerks of the county courts in [illegible] have been entered for us to send to Col. *Bruce*, [illegible] same quarter, executions on those judgments against [illegible] of the debtors, returnable in 90 days, except in such [illegible] to shall think the contrary. And if any of the debtors [illegible] to give us further trouble, or delay, they may depend [illegible] will lay before the publick a true account of their debts and [illegible] that they only may be blamed for the delay they have [illegible] and we are confident (from the candour of those who think [illegible] right to examine our conduct) for the indulgent [illegible] which we have hitherto extended, wherein we have [illegible] the fair proposals of the debtors, compassion for their [illegible], and a fear of lessening the security we had in their [illegible] have induced them to fall [illegible] ready money, and by their [illegible] we are able to raise enough. From their silence to [illegible] to this we look, after these many indulgences, however [illegible] now only say that if they have not gratitude enough [illegible] the memory of a man who spent [illegible] paths to serve them as [illegible] their diligence to do [illegible] ideas to his family and [illegible] circumstances will for [illegible] any delay with us in the [illegible] executors.

EDMD. PENDLETON.
PETER LYONS.

[illegible] shall be glad to treat with such person [illegible]

[illegible] any [illegible] inclined to purchase any of this [illegible] by Thursday, *July* fifteenth, 1769, and bring [illegible] Office, Williamsburg, or at any time before [illegible] further on them for his deeds to the publick; and [illegible] shall refuse the said well accustomed [illegible] on the terms and times by *Mr. Lewellen* to *Ralph's* (late [illegible] now in the occupation of *Mr. Thomas Dunscomb*, [illegible] and other lands belonging to [illegible] of which we shall give further notice.

EDMUND PENDLETON,
PETER LYONS.

Messr. PURDIE & DIXON,

GENTLEMEN,

I HAVE more reasons than one why I would beg of you to favour me with another opportunity of replying to T. V's performances, and, having done this, I shall not trouble you any further on the subject; I shall therefore, without any preface, directly to T. V.'s observations, examine how far the objections I made to the method he formerly discovered, and still thinks the shortest, or calculation for the central ingress is [illegible] I not only say it with regard to this particular [illegible] other of the same sort, viz. that the measure of any such [illegible] given by the tables is not to be depended upon, to fix [illegible] for many seconds. I mentioned this not [illegible] pretty well [illegible] an enough observers, and any one who considers the [illegible] in which these tables are constructed, though done with [illegible] and attention possible, will see plainly the reason of [illegible] that exactness, even to some minutes, is sometimes [illegible] This Gentleman humbly conceives that [illegible] can be depended on for shewing the true duration of the [illegible] they may be depended on for shewing the external contact, [illegible] by means of the proper elements collected from the tables [illegible] &c. I am not a little surprised at this Gentleman's [illegible] being able to discover the great difference between the assigning the precise moment of an event's taking place and the duration of such an event. For instance, the tables may show, with tolerable accuracy, the time Venus takes to pass over the Sun's disk, as I have mentioned from Ferguson, just as a common clock may be useful us for the measurement of some hours, though not true to one hour; so these may show truly enough the quantity of such a portion, though they may not make the true beginning or ending of that time. In short, the ratio of the times, or quantities of duration, is what is chiefly to be depended upon in these cases. Thus in T. V.'s proportion, as the calculated parallactick difference of beginning is to the assumed solar parallax, so is the observed difference to the true solar parallax. The first term is admitted upon the principles of the above reasoning, because though neither the moments of beginning or ending may be certain, nay they may be both wrong, yet the interval of time between those two moments may be depended upon; but the third term is not so admissible, for if the moment of the calculated central ingress is not certain, the difference between that and the observed will not be a true term in the proportion. That which I mentioned is not liable to this objection. If T. V. cannot or will not see my meaning, and the propriety of it, I have no more to say to this particular; but mark how cleverly he comes off on this occasion, by calling his piece an attempt to explain the method, &c. Thus one way, as even here, he strenuously defends the accuracy of his method; and, if that will not do, then it is only an attempt to explain, &c. and therefore not to be criticised. I shall now take some notice of this Gentleman's observations, after having made my acknowledgements for his discovering and chastising the mistake I had committed. That the sentences T. V. complains of are confused it is true, and that I had jumbled together the external and internal contact is plain, otherwise it was unpardonable not to know that Venus's diameter would take up some time in completing its total ingress; besides, I might have known this by the help of T. V's calculation, which I think particularly mentions this very difference. However, the mistake, or blunder, call it which you please, is not a very material one; but such as it is X. Y. gives it up again to T. V. to make what he can of it, more if possible than he has done. "But what notice, he cries, would he have? *In any part of the globe* he must have a pervious notice of 18 minutes." It would not have injured this pompous line if there had been some such words as these inserted after *any part of the globe*, where this phenomenon will be visible, he will, &c. for I will not suppose the author to be so ignorant as not to know that it could not be seen in any part of the globe. But to proceed to the observation itself: Here T. V. allows us he had a clock and a spyglass; the rate of the clock's going he found by equal altitudes of the Sun, which, as he says, is one of the simplest operations in astronomy. Now I believe it to be somewhat necessary in this very simple operation to have regard to the Sun's variation of declination at any distance above four or five days from the solstice, and to make a correction for the middle time; and though no mention is made of this being done, I would suppose T. V. did not omit it. Likewise sometimes it would be proper, in applying La Land's tables for the equation of time, to allow for the difference of the Parisian noon and our noon here. "With such an apparatus, and by my clock thus adjusted," steps forth this doughty champion, and says, "I observed the external contact at 9 h. 6 m. 35 s." What a contrast to this is the report of the committee at Philadelphia, appointed by the Philosophical Society, who met in a commodious building erected at the expence of the province! As it is in one of your papers, they observed the external contact to be *nearly* 2 h. 12 m. 57 s. Their observers, even with such an apparatus, which we may reasonably suppose to have been very complete for the purpose, differ proper to speak with diffidence upon the occasion; but what are they in comparison of the famous astronomer that we have got here, who picks up his spyglass, directs it to the Sun, and tells you at once roundly that it is so and so. I confess I cannot look upon it to be such a term in any opinion deserves the name of a [illegible] however, I am persuaded the Gentleman's appearance, whatever [illegible] might have been in, was not equal to the occasion. T. V. does not however pretend it is a good one; why then should not he acquainted with it, and the exhibiting it or his calculation? If he will have little patience, I dare say he will be [illegible] with knowing all the particulars he so ardently wishes to [illegible] Those [illegible] article of mine animadverted on [illegible] as is allowed to be erroneous and deficient in point [illegible] is by no means to be overlooked. It is [illegible] I think, that he writes what I mentioned from Dr. [illegible] and the calculation with the same degree of confidence, as well as publicity. He makes me say *that Dr. Stewart, from the Newtonian theory of gravity, had deduced the Sun's distance from the earth with such accuracy* THAT IT MAY BE DEPENDED UPON within [illegible] ——— *of the truth.* X. Y. does not say this, but that Dr. S. had deduced the Sun's distance from the earth, and that with such accuracy *that he thinks it may be depended upon* within [illegible] The expression was so far guarded that I might not be answerable for such a precision, which I had some reason to doubt of. A writer has lately pointed out an error in the above mentioned calculation, which however is so small that it probably represents the distance too short by 203 semidiameters of the earth. Here the Gentleman may exclaim again, "this is an astonishing degree of accuracy indeed!" and so it is, which no transit whatever, or perhaps any method of observation, can pretend to, and which, notwithstanding, any one well acquainted with the theory of gravitation will think worthy of credit; for all the different expressions of astronomers, from the transit, will be [illegible] if they can come within 30 or 40 semidiameters of the [illegible] Thus have comes the authority of Dr. Halley! "This Dr. [illegible] first has attempted to do what Dr. H. never hoped for from [illegible] any method, even from observations of the transit, from which he says, *possibly problematic* [illegible] *of adequate.*" Let us examine that words, and what is evidently influenced by them printed in different characters. To have a translation of this as literal as possible, it may be thus: On this depends the certain and adequate solution of this very noble problem, *not to be come at by any other means.* Therefore T. V's construction necessarily must be this, that as Dr. Halley has said a just solution of the above problem is not to be had any other way, therefore it is impossible to be had any other way, and all the Newtons and other writers whatever that attempt it must be wrong. Newton and authority urged with a vengeance, in a manner Dr. H. Hunt is authority urged, and would have been ashamed of. I dare say never intended, and would have been ashamed of. It would be too much for the greatest authority upon earth, for even a Newton himself, to affirm that this problem of investigating the distance of the Sun from the earth, the longitude, or any other, could not be found out by any other or better method than he was acquainted with, or practised in his time. He might say so, and possibly be right; but, as it is far from implying an absurdity to suppose future discoveries in every branch of learning, why may there not be such in these very instances? But for Heaven's sake let us give Dr. H's words a consistent meaning, such as they will well bear, being a manner of expression of which a thousand instances might be produced; thus, on the transit depends the solution of this problem, *not to be come at by any other means hitherto known*, or some such words. I cannot conclude without addressing a few words to the Gentleman who is so particularly called upon by T. V. in his last. You are to know, Mr. President, that this same T. V. if I am rightly informed, is a Vicar of the C——, and therefore you will not be surprised that he accosts you so freely on this occasion. If I have brought you into a scrape here I am sorry for it, and you must get out of as it well as you can. One thing I cannot help remarking, upon an expression of T. V's, that if you *have that noble apparatus and genteel present of the General Assembly to* OUR *College* at your disposal, and under your management, as I should suppose from those words you have, it is unpardonable in you, I will beg leave to say, that they are fitted up in no other manner than when I had, I will not say the pleasure, but displeasure to see them. I cannot help thinking there is something particular in his thus calling upon you; why not upon the mathematical professor, who appears to be the properest person to be applied to on this occasion? Perhaps T. V. might suppose that Gentleman to be too much engaged at that time with other matters to think of than such as this, but I am apt to imagine there is a much better reason which may be given. This said professor is well known to be a very dangerous man, which some will readily testify; more than one or two, I believe, of the same denomination with T. V. have been so confoundedly mauled by him that I apprehend they will be cautious how any of them think of meddling with him again. In short, he may repose himself in his cell, not like the old lion in the fable, to feel the kicks of every ass—that shall be pleased to lend him his heels, but may rest in the greatest peace and security, which he wisely seems to promise himself for the rest of his life. I cannot help thinking some apology necessary for having taken up so much of your paper; I shall therefore ask you pardon, and am, Gentlemen,

Your most obedient servant, X. Y.

SAVANNAH (in Georgia) *May* 31.

OUR late advices from the Creek nation say that they are in high spirits, from their repeated successes against the Choctaws. That about 1400 of them were out in different parties, and no less than 200 in one party. That they never go out without killing some of the Choctaws, and with very little or no loss themselves, the loss of the Choctaws, since the beginning of the war, being computed at 150 men, and that of the Creeks not above one third of that number, which makes them very insolent, and much heartier in the war than they have been yet. That there are not 30 of the Creeks but have been out since the war began, and they expect to put an end to it by next spring. However, it is thought that in the summer, when the rivers are low, the Choctaws will be more on an equality with the Creeks; for as there are very few rivers in the Choctaw nation the inhabitants are but little acquainted with swimming, which prevents them from venturing far to war until the rivers are low, and gives the Creeks a great advantage over them. A party of the Creeks are gone to Augustine to take satisfaction for one of their people that was killed there, notwithstanding the man that killed him was hanged for it, which satisfied the father of the Indian that was killed; but others of them think there can be no satisfaction for any thing of that kind but what they take themselves. Some time ago the Choctaws sent a challenge to the whole Creek nation to meet them, and fight them openly; but this the Creeks laughed at, and remarked that they would be very imprudent to run any such risk, when they could kill the Choctaws without any loss to themselves.

A Gentleman, who arrived on Monday evening from Augusta, has favoured us with the following intelligence: Abraham Norman, in 13 days from the Upper Creek nation, says that a day or two before he came away three Indians came in, and informed that a party of Choctaws, about 270 in number, came up with about 70 Creeks just behind the town of Mobille, where they were preparing to go to war against the former, and having hemmed them in, it is thought they either killed or made prisoners all the Creeks except the three above mentioned, who escaped by swimming the bay; and that a white man was come from Mobille, who confirmed what the Indians said, and added that the engagement lasted from about five o'clock in the evening until after dark, during which time there was a constant firing. The Choctaws were commanded by Cooshomaw."

CHARLESTOWN, *May* 22.

BY advices from the Havannah, dated about five weeks ago, we learn that the Spaniards continue putting that place in the best state of defence, against all attacks, whether by sea or by land. The new fortification, which commands the Moro, is much its superiour, both in strength and extent. The number of houses destroyed by the hurricane in October amounted to about 400; but every temple, and several of the churches, were thrown down. All the merchants ships of war were destroyed, except two frigates, which had every thing carried away by the decks. Some of the merchant ships were driven a considerable way up into the country.

BOSTON, *June* 29.

On Wednesday the 21st instant his Excellency the Governour was pleased to send the following message to the House of Representatives, viz.

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives,

WHEN at the opening of the session I recommended to you to give your earliest attention to the business of the province I did not think that there was any occasion to specify the particulars of such business, as they must occur to you as readily as to me; however, lest this omission should be made use of as an excuse for your inactivity, and as you have now entered into your fourth week without having done any thing at all, I shall now capitulate the principal articles of the publick business which have hitherto waited for your notice: They are, 1. the support of the government, 2. the supply of the treasury, 3. the providing for the payment of the provincial debt, which now amounts to one hundred and five thousand pounds, 4. the tax bill, 5. the impost bill, 6. the excise bill, if thought proper, 7. the establishment for forts and garrisons, 8. the continuation of the truck trade, 9. the continuation or revival of expiring or expired laws, &c. All these several matters, and such others of the ordinary business as I may have omitted, I now recommend to your immediate consideration. Such assistance as I can give you, especially in removing doubts or difficulties which may attend any of the said businesses, I shall be ready to afford you, so far as is consistent with my duty.

FRANCIS BERNARD.

JUNE 21, 1769.

And on Wednesday last his Excellency the Governour was pleased to send another message to the House, viz.

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives,

I THINK it proper to inform you that his Majesty has been pleased, by his sign manual, to signify to me his will and pleasure that I repair to Great Britain, to lay before him the state of this province; and has also, by his Secretary of State, given directions for the administration of this government during my absence.

Upon this occasion I think it necessary to communicate to you the 53d of his Majesty's instructions, whereby he orders that when the Governour shall be absent from the province one moiety of the salary, and the perquisites and emoluments which would otherwise be due to the Governour, shall, during his absence, be paid to the Lieutenant Governour, for his maintenance, and for the support of the dignity of the government.

I have always considered the grant of the salary appointed to me to be subject to this instruction, although it was not so expressed in the act; and I have no objection at the present time, when the absence of the Governour is foreseen, that the grant of the salary shall be expressed to be subject to this instruction.

And I must at the same time observe to you that as I am ordered to attend his Majesty as Governour of this province, and am made to understand that I am to be continued in that office, and am instructed for the appropriation of the salary whilst I am absent from the province, there is the same reason for the grant of the salary now as there has been at any other time. I must therefore desire that, according to his Majesty's 49th instruction, such grant may be made to precede the other business of the session.

JUNE 23, 1769. FRANCIS BERNARD.

July 3. Tuesday last arrived here, from New Providence, his Excellency William Shirley, Esq; formerly Governour of this province, and late Governour of the Bahama islands, and a Lieutenant General in his Majesty's army. His Excellency was saluted as he passed Castle William, and many principal Gentlemen of the town have waited on him with their compliments.

We hear from New Braintree that one morning last week Mr. Phineas Warner, of that town, went to drive some horses (as he thought) out of his enclosure, but coming near found they were two moose; upon which he got his gun, and following them a small distance killed one of them, and wounded the other. The one he killed was six feet in height, and when stretched on the ground, from his nose to the end of his hind legs, was 12 feet 4 inches.

We hear from Kittery that last Monday a white man and a Negro, having been hoeing corn there, went into the river to cool themselves, and were both drowned. They were found clasped in each others arms.

Tuesday morning last a woman going to the South market for a fish stopped at the shop of Mr. Chace, under Liberty Tree, and appearing to be faint some water was got, but on raising her up she died instantly. A jury of inquest was summoned, and the opinion of several Doctors being taken, she appeared to be one Sarah Johnson of Bridgwater, on whom were found several marks of violence which had been perpetrated the 24th instant, by soldiers unknown, which probably was the cause of her death.

Tuesday last two men, who worked at the barber's business in town, went a pleasuring in a sail boat, but before they got half way to the Castle a gust of wind came on, and they not understanding the management of the boat kept the sails up, which overset her, and she sunk, with one of the men, named Thomas Noland; the other man was taken up alive, by a boat belonging to Charlestown, after he had been in the water a quarter of an hour.

Thursday last a child about 4 years old was run over by a horse, and killed upon the spot.

We hear from Milton that last Friday a man at that place in striking fire with his gun, not knowing it to be loaded, it went off as his daughter was entering the door from milking, and shot her through the thighs, of which wounds she presently after died.

Last Friday morning his Majesty's ship Romney, Capt. Parker, arrived here from Halifax; and the next morning arrived the Senegal sloop of war, commanded by Sir Thomas Rich.

Private letters from London by the last vessels mention that Mr. Pownal made a motion in the House of Commons for the repeal of the American revenue act, which was strenuously seconded by Mr. George Grenville, who was supported by Alderman Beckford, and Mr. Trecothick, both of them members for the city of London. The Ministry were silent, and it appeared evident to every person present that the acts would have been repealed had the motion not been as warmly opposed by the Rockingham party as it was contended for by Mr. Grenville and his friends. From the silence of the Ministry it is not doubted but they wished the acts repealed, though they were afraid to take the lead, having already repeatedly subjected themselves to the charge of inconsistency; they are certainly in great perplexity, and the kingdom in the greatest disorder. The House will soon rise, and the reason of it is said to be that the Middlesex freeholders, led on by the Supporters of the Bill of Rights, are determined to petition both Houses of Parliament, and even the King himself, in behalf of Mr. Wilkes. All the London mob are to march in procession, to the number of some hundred thousands. If the petitions are rejected, or received and not favourably answered, after going through this regular process, the mobility, our present state doctors, are to be let loose to enforce conviction.

Administration, however, having information of this plan, are taking the proper measures to render it abortive; and the House will be prorogued, in a few days, before the petition can be delivered. Licentiousness reigns without any controul, and the sober part of the community are looking forward, with fear and trembling, to the arrival of that moment which they hourly dread, when our liberties will be totally annihilated by a popular commotion; or will again take firmer root, from a complete suppression of mobbing, and by impressing upon the lower rank a proper respect for the laws of their country.

A letter from Halifax mentions that the island of St. John's is made a separate government, and that Lieutenant Governour Franklin of Nova Scotia is appointed Governour.

The following is said to be the substance of the resolves unanimously passed by the Honourable House of Representatives of Massachusetts Bay *on the first instant.*

THE General Assembly of this his Majesty's colony of Massachusetts Bay, convened by his Majesty's authority, by virtue of his writ issued by his Excellency the Governour, under the great seal of the province, and this House thinking it their duty, at all times, to testify their loyalty to his Majesty, as well as their regard to the rights, liberties, and privileges of themselves and their constituents, do pass the following resolutions, to be entered on the records of the House.

Resolved, that this House do, and ever will, bear the firmest allegiance to our rightful sovereign King George III. and are ever ready, with their lives and fortunes, to defend his Majesty's person, family, crown, and dignity.

Resolved, that this House do concur in, and adhere to, the resolutions of the House of representatives in the year 1765, and particularly in that essential principle that no man can be taxed, or bound in conscience to obey any law to which he has not given his consent, in person, or by his representative.

Resolved, as the opinion of this House, that it is the indubitable right of the subject in general, and consequently of the colonies jointly or severally, to petition the King for redress of grievances; and that it is lawful, whenever they think it expedient, to confer with each other, in order to procure a joint concurrence, in dutiful addresses for relief from their common burthens.

Resolved, that Governour Bernard in wantonly dissolving the last year's Assembly, and in refusing to call another, though repeatedly requested by the people, acted against the spirit of a free constitution; and if such procedure be lawful, it may be in his power, whenever he pleases, to render himself absolute.

Resolved, that at a time when there was a general discontent, on account of the revenue acts, an expectation of the sudden arrival of a military power to enforce the execution of those acts, a dread of the troops being quartered upon the inhabitants, when our petitions were not permitted to reach the Royal ear, the General Court at such a juncture dissolved, and the Governour's refusing to call a new one, and the people thereby reduced to almost a state of despair, at such a time it was innocent, if not highly expedient and necessary, for the people to convene by their committees, in order to associate, consult, and advise, the best means to promote peace and order, and by all lawful ways to endeavour to have their united complaints laid before the Throne, and jointly to pray for the Royal interposition in favour of our violated rights; nor can this procedure possibly be conceived to be illegal, as they expressly disclaimed all governmental acts.

Resolved, as the opinion of this House, that Governour Bernard in his letters to Lord Hillsborough, his Majesty's Secretary of State, has given a false and highly injurious representation of the conduct of his Majesty's truly loyal and faithful Council of this colony, and of the magistrates, overseers of the poor, and inhabitants of the town of Boston, tending to bring on these respectable bodies, and especially of some individuals, the unmerited displeasure of our gracious sovereign, to introduce a military government into the province, and to mislead both Houses of Parliament into such severe resolutions as a true, just, and candid state of facts, must have prevented.

Resolved, that Governour Bernard, in the letters before mentioned, by falsely representing that it was become "necessary the "King should have the Council Chamber in his own hands, and "should be enabled by Parliament to supersede, by order in his "Privy Council, commissions granted in his name and under his "seal throughout the colonies," has discovered his enmity to the true spirit of the British constitution and to the liberties of the colonies, and particularly has meditated a blow at the root of some of the most invaluable constitutional and charter rights of this province; the perfidy of which, at the very time he was professing himself a warm friend to the charter, is altogether unparallelled by any person in his station, and ought never to be forgotten.

Resolved, that the establishing a standing army in this colony, in a time of peace, without the consent of the General Assembly of the same, is an invasion of the natural rights of the people, as well as those which they claim as free born Englishmen, and which are confirmed by Magna Charta and the Bill of Rights, as settled at the Revolution, and by the charter of this province.

Resolved, that a standing army is not known as a part of the British constitution, in any of the King's dominions; and every attempt to establish it as such has ever been esteemed a dangerous innovation, and manifestly tending to enslave the people.

Resolved, that the sending an armed force into this colony, under a pretence of aiding and assisting the civil authority, is an endeavour to establish a standing army here without our consent, and highly dangerous to this people, is unprecedented, and unconstitutional.

His Excellency General Gage, in his letter to Lord Hillsborough, October 31st, having, among other exceptionable things, expressed himself in the following words: "From what has been said, "your Lordship will conclude that there is no government in "Boston; in truth there is very little at present, and the constitu- "tion of this province leans so much to the side of democracy that "the Governour has not the power to remedy the disorders that "happen in it."

Resolved, as the opinion of this House, that his Excellency General Gage, in this and other assertions, has rashly and impertinently intermeddled in the civil affairs of this province, which are altogether out of his department; and in the internal police of which, by his letter, if not altogether his own, he has yet betrayed a degree of ignorance equal to the malice of the author.

With respect to the nature of our government, this house is of opinion that the wisdom of that great Prince William III. who gave the charter, aided by an able Ministry, men thoroughly versed in the English constitution and law, together with the happy effects that have been derived from it to the nation, as well as this colony, did place it above the reprehension of the General, and should have led him to inquire whether the disorders complained of have not arisen from an arbitrary disposition in the Governour, rather than from too great a spirit of democracy in the people.

And this House cannot but express their deep concern that too many in power at home and abroad so clearly avow not only in private conversation, but in their publick conduct, the most rancorous enmity against the free part of the British constitution, and are indefatigable in their endeavours to render the monarchy absolute, and the Administration arbitrary in every part of the British empire.

Resolved, that this House, after the most careful inquiry, have not found any instance of the course of justice being interrupted by violence, even before a single magistrate, nor of any magistrate's refusing to inquire into, or redress, any complaint properly laid before him; while it is notorious to all the world that even such acts of Parliament as have been deemed by the whole continent highly oppressive have been so far from being opposed with violence that the duties imposed, and rigorously exacted, have been punctually paid.

Resolved, that the fining in the small sum of ten pounds only a high handed offender, viz. one Fellows, in the county of Essex, who by force, and with fire arms loaded with ball and swan shot, rescued a prisoner lawfully taken by the sheriff of said county, is a grievance, and tends to the encouragement of such crimes for the future.

Resolved, that the frequently entering *nolli prosequi* by the Attorney and Advocate General, in cases favourable to the liberty of the subject, and rigorous prosecutions by information and otherwise in those in favour of power, is a daring breach of trust, and an insupportable grievance on the people.

Resolved, that it is the opinion of this House that all trials for treasons, misprisions of treason, or for any felony or crime whatsoever committed or done in his Majesty's said colony, by any person or persons residing therein, ought of right to be had and conducted in and before his Majesty's courts held within the said colony, according to the fixed and known course of proceeding; and that the seizing any person or persons residing in this colony, suspected of any crime whatsoever, committed therein, and sending such person or persons to places beyond the sea, to be tried, is highly derogatory of the rights of British subjects, as thereby the inestimable privilege of being tried by a jury from the vicinage, as well as the liberty of summoning and producing witnesses on such trial, will be taken away from the party accused.

The freeholders and other inhabitants of this town have been warned, by order of the Selectmen, to assemble at Faneuil Hall to morrow afternoon, "then and there to consider of the petition of a great number of respectable inhabitants, setting forth that some persons have, as they are informed, from good authority, petitioned or requested of his Excellency Sir Francis Bernard, Baronet, commander in chief of this province, that the 14th, or some other regiment, may be detained in this town, in order to protect their lives and properties, notwithstanding the laws of the land make ample provision for the security of all his Majesty's subjects, without the aid of any military force whatever; and fearing such request may be represented to Administration as the sense of the inhabitants, they pray that such steps may be taken as the town shall think proper to prevent the ill effects of such representations, and to convince the world that the residence of a military power in the body of this metropolis is, upon various considerations, quite disagreeable to the inhabitants."

On Tuesday last, at four miles from Boston, Farenheit's thermometer placed in the open air, and in a dead shade, was at 11 o'clock at 96 and a half, and at 3 at 99 and a half, which is three degrees higher than the same thermometer, which has been used for several years past, was ever observed to be before; so it may be concluded that was the hottest day which has been known here for many years. Upon this thermometer summer heat is marked at 76, blood heat at 96, seaver heat at 112, so that the heat of this day was within 11 and a half of fever heat.

A CARD.

THE Americans present their compliments of *duty* to the Ministry, and humbly beg leave to ask whether they think it has been *quite* consistent with *reason, policy*, or *common sense*, to keep a STANDING ARMY in the town of Boston, while the principal cities and towns of England were in continual danger from the outrages of mobs, and which the civil magistrates have found it impossible to suppress; yet as the colonists are *firmly* persuaded the measure was dictated from a *tender and most affectionate* regard to the *welfare* and *tranquility* of America, they cannot forbear giving a testimony of their *gratitude*, and as a proof of their sincerity they propose raising immediately a few regiments and transporting them to Britain, in order to assist in preventing and suppressing the ravages of the mobs, and restoring peace and order to their mother country.

HARTFORD, *June* 16.

WE hear from Norwich that the General Association, in their late sessions there, taking into consideration the embarrassments with which our publick affairs are attended, have unanimously advised to a day of publick fasting and prayer. Their minutes are as follow, viz. At a meeting of the General Association of the Ministers of the colony of Connecticut, Norwich, June 20th, 1769, this association taking into consideration the dark and threatening aspect of Divine Providence upon our nation and land, in regard of our civil liberties, and publick interest, as also the great decays of practical godliness, and prevalence of iniquity, think it advisable that a day be set apart for publick fasting and prayer, to humble ourselves under the righteous hand of God, and supplicate the Throne of all Grace for the removal of the calamities we are under, and to prevent those that seem to be impending; and, above all, that he would pour out of his spirit upon the churches and people of the land, revive decaying religion, and enlarge the kingdom of the Redeemer. And accordingly agree for ourselves, and recommend it to our brethren in the Ministry, to our own churches, and the churches throughout the colony, to set apart the last Thursday of August next for the purpose aforesaid, earnestly desiring both Ministers and people unanimously to join in the seasonable, solemn, and important duty; and those of our brethren, and their churches, that cannot conveniently attend on the day aforesaid, to them we recommend it that they attend it on some other day.

On the 21st instant died at the west division of this town the wife of Mr. Stephen Hopkins of that place, about 24 hours after the amputation of her right breast (the part taken away being cancerous, weighed near three pounds) which operation she underwent without a groan.

PROVIDENCE, *June* 24.

THE General Assembly is adjourned to September 2d. During the session a letter was received by the Speaker from Virginia, enclosing a copy of the resolutions entered into by the late House of Burgesses of that colony; to which, we are told, the Assembly have agreed, and a committee is accordingly appointed for preparing an address to be presented to his Majesty.

A correspondent informs us that a grand squirrel and bird hunt was lately proposed, for a wager, between Capt. David Brayton and Capt. Ebenezer Johnson, of Coventry. They accordingly set out, with each a party, on the 25th of last month, and continued hunting until the 27th, at five in the afternoon, when Capt. Brayton had killed 2677, and Capt. Johnson 2107.

NEW YORK, *July* 10.

SATURDAY last Capt. Rogers arrived here, in 27 days from Pensacola, by whom we learn that Governour Elliot, who came there lately from England, had departed this life in his garden, in a violent apoplectick fit, of the same kind that the late Sir Danvers Osborne, Bart. died of in this city. It is said Mr. Elliot was a Gentleman of a very amiable disposition, and had acquired the affections of all the inhabitants; but that he seemed to indulge a fatal melancholy, which had brought him to this end, just one month after his arrival.

PHILADELPHIA, *June* 22.

WE hear from Cumberland county that sundry persons have been up to the settlements of the New England adventurers at Wyoming, who inform that the settlement consists at present of upwards of 300 men, and more are daily arriving; that they have built several houses, have planted two hundred acres of land with Indian corn, have good store of all necessaries, and are daily making farther improvements; that they treat every one who goes among them with so much friendship and hospitality, and appear so upright and humane in their temper, as engage the esteem and respect of all their visitants; and that they have with them a number of men of the best character, great experience, and good sense. It is said the adventurers will be speedily increased by great numbers from New England and other parts, and are so strongly supported by numerous and able friends that we may hope soon to see the trade of this province considerably increased by their industry and success.

Extract of a letter from St. John's, Newfoundland, *May* 29.

"A schooner now at the Banks has taken up the crew of the ship Rainbow, Capt. Peter Wescott, of London, from North Carolina, being in great distress, having lost her rudder, had six feet water in her hold, and must inevitably have perished had they not met with them, as the ship's stern was stove to pieces, and some of her timbers started.

"This day a schooner from Barbadoes, with 26 hhds. of rum and 10 barrels of sugar, was seized by our customhouse officer, for want of a certificate of the Isle of Man bond being given: A very frivolous affair for an honest man losing his property. Query, Why should not every officer be accountable for his neglect in not supplying an ignorant skipper with the necessary papers, as well as papers without endorsements, which, in either case, leaves them liable to confiscation? But it rather carries the appearance of a design to play into each others hands, as it brings the more grist to the mill."

July 10. On Friday the 23d ult. died at Montgomery, in the county of Philadelphia, Hannah Milner, the wife of Edward Milner, sen. aged one hundred years and ten months. She was born in America, mother of fourteen children, grandmother of eighty two grandchildren, and great grandmother to one hundred and ten great grandchildren; of which there are now living seven children, sixty five grandchildren, and ninety one great grandchildren. She was interred on the Sunday next after her death, when her funeral was attended by a great number of her descendents, neighbours, and others.

As a proof of the length to which tyranny may be carried by those who have power in their hands, we have the following anecdote. Soon after the conclusion of the late disturbances in Hispaniola, a young Gentleman of a large fortune going to Port au Prince to dispose of some sugars, wore his hanger by his side as formerly, which was reported to the General, whereupon he had him seized, and ordered a court to try him; but they finding nothing worthy of punishment, acquitted him. This also being told to the General, he surrounded the house with his soldiers, took the young Gentleman, had him shot, and confiscated his estate; and the whole court he sent home to France, in a ship.

We hear from Maryland that when the names of the merchants who signed the address to his Majesty were known there it was discovered that some few of them were tobacco merchants, and that three of them had vessels there, on which the people resolved that those vessels should not have any more tobacco, at least until all the other vessels were full; in consequence of which resolution a number of hogsheads of tobacco that had been brought to the landing for one of the vessels were stopped by the people, who absolutely refused letting them go on board, although the flat was then come to the landing to take them in.

Tuesday last, about 10 o'clock in the forenoon, one George Shitz, near Frankford, being a reaping, and very warm, drank some cold water, intending to drink some cyder; but before he could get the rum he was taken ill, and died the next morning. Several people in this city have lost their lives by the same means since our last, and others fell down in the streets, and were with difficulty recovered.

Yesterday the sloop Sally, Capt. Blewer, arrived here from Charlestown, South Carolina, which place he left the 18th instant. He informs us that Capt. Lamb, in a sloop from St. Christopher's, spoke the ship St. Helena, Capt. Arthur, from Bristol, bound to Charlestown, who defired him to inform the inhabitants that the American revenue acts was repealed. We also hear by Capt. Blewer that the merchants in Charlestown have agreed not to import any goods they can possibly do without.

LONDON, *April 25.*

The substance of a charge delivered to the Grand Jury at the last quarter session held for the city and liberty of Westminster, *at* Guildhall, *by Sir* John Fielding, *Knight, Chairman of the said session, taken by a Gentleman present.*

Gentlemen of the Grand Jury,

THE institution of that important office which your country now calls upon you to execute is so ancient in itself, has been so often and so ably explained, is so generally understood, and its advantages to the subject are so universally felt throughout this kingdom, that it would be unpardonable in me to take up any of your time on that subject; but as some errours have most unaccountably crept into the method of executing this office, I shall take the liberty to point out those which I think both have been and may still be injurious to the liberty and reputation of his Majesty's subjects.

And the first errour I shall mention is an opinion that has been received, by some Grand Juries, that slight and probable evidence is sufficient to warrant the finding of a bill of indictment and thereby to put the party on his trial, leaving the merits to be more particularly inquired into by the Petit Jury. This is directly opposite to the opinions of the ablest lawyers, and is an open violation of the laws of reason and humanity. The most approved lawyers tell you that the same degree of evidence is necessary to warrant a Grand Jury to find a bill of indictment as would justify a Petit Jury to find a verdict against the prisoner; and if the party injured, together with his witnesses, cannot make out such a clear case to you as will convince you of the guilt of the party charged, where they run no risk of contradiction, how unreasonable is it to think that they will be able to convince the Petit Jury, when the supposed offender has an opportunity of making his defence? And how shocking is it to humanity to see an innocent person brought to his trial for an offence without almost any evidence to support the charge, if you will remember that in criminal cases it is almost as disgraceful to be tried as it is to be convicted! On these considerations, therefore, you ought to be extremely careful that no subject should be brought to the shame of a trial, where there is not substantial evidence to prove the offence.

Another great errour, Gentlemen, in executing this office, is the suffering those witnesses which you have examined to converse with other witnesses on the same bill which have not been examined. By this means you are frequently imposed on, justice is defeated, and self interest or malice supplies her place. To avoid this, you would do well, when you receive a bill, to call in all the witnesses that are on the back of it, deliver them into the care of the doorkeeper, with directions to keep them together in the witness room, which is at your door; and as fast as they are examined let the doorkeeper make them go down stairs. I mention this method, thus exactly, because it has been found of great use in this court in the investigation of truth, to discover which you cannot take too much pains, as by your oath you are enjoined to present the truth, and nothing but the truth.

Having said thus much concerning the execution of your office, I shall beg leave to make a few observations on the offences which from the jailer's calendar may probably be subject to your inquiry; and these are frauds, felonies, and riots. By the 30th of George II. a provision is made for the punishment of such cheats as obtain the goods of tradesman, and other persons, by false pretences, with an intention to defraud. To punish such offenders, therefore, it ought to be proved to your satisfaction that the goods were really obtained by false pretences, and the intention to defraud the person out of them ought to be evidenced; otherwise it would be mere matter of credit, and not indictable. As to felonies, they are charges of a serious nature, and like an infection destroying the character of the person it touches. The description of theft is that it should be done forcibly or privately, but with a felonious design, otherwise it is no more than a trespass. The last offence I mean to speak of is RIOTS, the best description of which in the least words is when three or more are gathered together in a riotous and tumultuous manner to the terrour of the inhabitants, and commit some unlawful act. The word *liberty* is in the mouth of every Englishman, and in order to know whether it be in his heart also, and whether he has a just and becoming sense of this great privilege, examine well if he fear God, honour the King, and be obedient to the law. If he fail in either of these he must be a hypocrite, a mock patriot, and a libertine. A true Englishman knows that his person or property cannot be injured with impunity if he flies to the laws of his country for redress; but he that takes the law into his own hand, and commits riots to obtain justice, is no longer an Englishman, but a rebel. What sort of Englishmen must those be who meet in a riotous and tumultuous manner in our streets, and without provocation beat and wound inoffensive passengers, and break the windows of quiet inhabitants? What sort of Englishmen must those be who hearing that a respectable body of subjects were moving towards the best of Kings, to give him testimony of their love and loyalty, should presume, in the most riotous, insolent, and abandoned manner, to attempt to intercept this duty from the Throne, by beating, wounding, and otherwise insulting some of the principal merchants of this kingdom? And what shall we say of Englishmen who shall dare to carry these riots to the very palace gates of our beloved monarch, whose private virtues claim the universal love and esteem of mankind, and whose publick virtues in the support of our laws, and of the rights and liberties of the subject, ought to rivet our hearts to his service, and to inspire us with such loyalty as must raise universal indignation in the breast of every Englishman, at the very shadow of an intention to give offence, where so much love, loyalty, and respect, are so justly due? If any complaints against offenders of this cast should be exhibited before you, I doubt not but you will lend every assistance within the power of your consciences to bring them to condign punishment.

Letter written by a Great Man immediately on his divorce, to his Mistress.*

MADAM,

ON the final difference I had with my Lady I connected myself with you, as one, I thought, whose personal and mental qualifications were such as would, in a great measure, alleviate my domestick misfortunes. My expectations, I must do you the justice to say, were perfectly answered, and it would be perhaps difficult even for ill nature to point out a single defect in your truth and unwearied assiduity to please me; but as I often told you, particularly at our first interview, that I should have nothing in future to charge myself with, that such a course of life was unseemly, both in my moral and political character, and that nothing but the necessity could justify the measure, I am now to tell you (that obstacle being removed by the laws) that all our former ties are, from this day, at an end.

I have taken care, my dear friend (for I will now totally throw by the lover) to make that establishment for you as will make you easy in your circumstances for life, chargeable only with this proviso that your rubies are not in their keeping. The mart of Europe lies at your choice, and you have only to send me word on your arrival where you are and the next post shall carry you your first quarterly payment.

Assure yourself that nothing should induce me to act in this manner but the determined resolution I have taken, now that it is in my power, of [illegible] entering into [illegible] connections, and that I am, and ever shall be, with great esteem and friendship,

Yours, &c.

The ANSWER.

My very dear Lord,

(FOR I will not, indeed I cannot, retaliate your coldness) nothing could have surprised me more than your letter. It is very true you did insinuate on our first connection that it did not totally agree with your principles and situation, as you was then married. I admitted every force of his reasoning, knowing how, in one of your exalted character, circumstances should be supported; but, my Lord, little did I think when that marriage was dissolved, and the odium which attended our connections consequently so, that your affections could so mechanically abate, often an infant thus to sacrifice the lover to the sordid considerations of interest or publick opinion.

I can readily place your desire of parting with me to the love of variety; but, my Lord, what am I to say to that part of your letter wherein you insist (as I shall forfeit every future claim to your munificence) on my leaving these kingdoms? Am I to attribute it to malevolence or ill nature? No, my Lord, the actual suffering of this severe sentence, cruel as it is, shall not wring from me this confession. I will call it the [illegible] of the heart, the fault of constitution, or any other softer name, that will cover the person I hold dearest in the world from the unnatural (yet too often associated) titles of *seducer* and *perfecutor*.

Mistake me not, my dear Lord, that I w[illegible] from this sentence from the cruelty of being [illegible] kingdom, though I think this should have an [illegible] I urge it on a principle as much more refin[illegible] that of being, for ever, separated from the [illegible] my choice.

Though my pride will not permit me to s[illegible] heart which I find is so obstinately detached from me, yet, my Lord, suffer me this poor consolation, to live in the same kingdom with you. Give me some time to mitigate a passion you first inspired me with; and though I find I must bid adieu to the transports of love let me hope for the calmer delights of friendship, and do not at once overwhelm me with all the agonies of positive neglected separation.

You inform me, in the close of your letter, "of your speedily entering into chaster connections." I am resigned! and may your future Lady love like me, but never meet with such returns! May every hour of your life be brightened by prosperity, and may the happiness of your domestick character ever keep pace with your publick one, prays the unfortunate

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WILLIAMSBURG, *July 27.*

Extract of a letter from London, *April 25.*

"THE friends of America had the satisfaction to observe the debates about the repeal conducted on both sides with the utmost calmness and decency, turning wholly on commercial considerations, and not one syllable passing about the right. They heard with pleasure the revenue acts most opprobriously attacked, and not one tittle urged in their justification; even Mr. Grenville himself, that arch-friend of America, joined in their condemnation. The representatives of commercial places and manufacturing towns afforded much assistance, setting forth the apprehensions of their constituents; and many country Gentlemen, who had conceived that by taxing America their estates might be saved from a heavy burthen, dread the increase of the poor's rate, from an apparent declension of trade.

"I told you from the beginning my opinion of the embarrassments of Government, and how happy they would be to extricate themselves with credit. I see most clearly that they wish to meet with no future checks to their design of repealing the acts next session, and have consented to their being made the first object of their attention. From the temper and complexion of all parties, I may venture to say there is little doubt of the repeal; but let temper and moderation be encouraged, for I am certain they are the only means of healing the wound.

"I assure you no argument or pains have been omitted by the Agents for the colonies; they have taken their instructions from the best writers: If the Parliament will not hear BLAND and DICKENSON, neither will they be persuaded if one rose from the dead."

Entered in the upper district of James *river.*

JULY 24. Cochran, Andrew Gibson, from Glasgow, in ballast. *Cleared.*

JULY 14. Randolph, Robert Walker, for London, with 488 hhds. of tobacco, 14 hhds. of skins, 16 casks of ginseng, 9 tons of bar and 20 tons of pig iron, and 10,000 staves.

15. Jenny, William Fullarton, for Glasgow, with 356 hhds. of tobacco, 2 hhds. of skins, and 8000 staves.

15. True Patriot, John Cawsey, for Bristol, with 521 hhds. of tobacco, 26 tons of pig iron, 11,480 staves, 1 barrel of old brass and copper, and 1 hamper of pewter.

15. Betsey, John Thom, for New York, with 2083 bushels of corn, 12 bushels of pease, 6 tuns of hemp, and 50 bushels of wheat.

17. Prince George, John Fawn, for Barbados, with 5001 bushels of corn, 50 barrels of bread, 59 barrels of flower, 40,000 shingles, 800 staves, and 2 hhds. of tobacco.

19. Albany, Richard Tucker, for Glasgow, with 281 hhds. of tobacco, 5700 staves, and 500 hoops.

22. Freemason, Isaac Stonehouse, for Norfolk, with 90 bushels of corn.

24. Diamond, Thomas Ritchie, for Glasgow, with 381 hhds. of tobacco, and 2430 staves.

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WILLIAM WILLS, Surgeon.

WILLIAMSBURG, JULY 27, 1769.

WHEREAS my wife *Catherine Aubery*, alias *Hayes*, has absconded from me with some intent, and I find is gone towards *Fredericksburg*, with a young child, in company with *Abraham* the postrider, as far as *Newcastle*: These are therefore to require all persons not to harbour or entertain her, as they shall answer the contrary.

WILLIAM ARCUTT AUBERY.

BRUNSWICK, JUNE 20, 1769.

WHEREAS my wife ANNE and I have made a separation, and there being no probability of our ever getting together again, I therefore forewarn all persons from trusting her on my account, as I am determined not to pay any debts of her contracting.

people, [illegible] but [illegible]

COM[illegible]

7 inches [illegible] Negro cott[illegible] *James Ci[illegible]* for him, an[illegible]

COMMITTED to the jail of *Brunswick* county, an outlandish Negro man named JACK, about 6 feet high, has on an old dark coloured cloth lappelled jacket, a shirt and trousers of brown rolls, and has with him a blanket made of white plains, and an osnabrug shirt. He appears to have been but a small time in the country, and cannot tell his master's name. The owner may have him on proving his property, and paying charges.

THOMAS EDMUNDS, D. S.

TAKEN up, in *Chesterfield*, a middling likely bay horse, a little under 14 hands high, with a star in his forehead, a roached mane and bob tail, has some saddle spots, and branded on the near buttock *C*; posted, and appraised to 11l.

LEONARD WARD.

TAKEN up, in *James City*, a dun coloured mare, 13 hands high, her tail and mane have been cut, but grown out, branded on the near buttock PT, and on the off buttock ●; posted, and appraised.

B. WELDON.

TAKEN up, in *Hanover*, a young black mare, about 4 feet 4 inches high, paces naturally, neither docked, branded, nor broke; posted, and appraised to 4l. 10s.

PATRICK DULANEY.

TAKEN up, in *Amelia*, a bay horse, about 5 years old last spring, has one white foot, had a middle sized bell on, branded on the near buttock R, and on the shoulder B; posted, and appraised to 7l.

SILVANUS MORRIS.

Imported in the ship FRIENDSHIP, *Captain* THOMAS LILLY, *an assortment of*

Drugs & Med[illegible]

to be sold wholesale and retail by the subscri[illegible] low advance.

ALEXAND[illegible]

Neat RUPTURE TRUSSES.

Westmoreland, July 12, 1769.

I INTEND to leave the colony this fall.

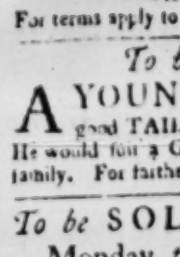
JOHN BALLANTINE, jun.

GOOCHLAND, JUNE 13, 1769.

IN order to prove that I have been used ill by *John Ayatt*, I have inserted in *Rind*'s paper memorials from under the hands of *N. W. Dandridge*, Esq; and Mr. *George Clough*, who are Gentlemen of undoubted veracity, by which it plainly appears I am not guilty of his accusation.

THOMAS UNDERWOOD.

To be SOLD,



ABOUT seven thousand acres of LAND in *Brunswick*, within forty miles of *Petersburg*; also about sixteen hundred acres in the county of *Mecklenburg*, within sixty miles of *Petersburg*. There are several plantations on these tracts, and great part of the soil is exceeding good.

For terms apply to Tf R. RUFFIN.

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A YOUNG man's indentures, who is a good TAILOR, and has better than three years to serve. He would suit a Gentleman in the country, that has a large family. For farther particulars inquire of the Printer.

To be SOLD *to the highest bidders, on* Monday *the* 28*th of* August *next, at* Brunswick *courthouse*,

Sundry NEGROES,

among which are two very fine house wenches, and their children; the wenches can wash and iron, cook, spin, sew, &c. There also will be several HORSES for sale, among which are two very fine whole blooded stallions, a very fine CHIMING CLOCK, and sundry other things too tedious to mention. Credit will be allowed until the 10th of *November* next, the purchasers giving bond and security.

WILLIAM EVANS.

MIDDLESEX, JULY 17, 1769.

RUN away from the subscriber, about three years ago, a Mulatto man named DAVID DAY, about 5 feet 8 inches high, has a down look, is very artful, and will attempt to pass for a freeman. He is supposed to have made for the southward. Also a Mulatto fellow named BARNABY, about 20 years old, 5 feet 5 inches high, and stutters a good deal when surprised. He went off about three weeks ago, and was seen at *York*, from whence I imagine he has attempted to get to the other, who is his brother. Whoever delivers them to me shall have 5l. reward for each, if taken 50 miles from home; if nigher, in proportion.

Tf AUGUSTINE SMITH.

POETS CORNER.

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WILLIAMSBURG, JULY 18, 1769.

COMMITTED to *James City* prison, on *Wednesday* the 12th instant, a *Virginia* born Negro fellow named PETER, about 22 years of age, about 5 feet 6 inches high, has on an osnabrug shirt, and a pair of brown rolls breeches, and says he belongs to *William Beale*, of *Richmond* county. Also a *Virginia* born Negro fellow named DANIEL, belonging to the estate of *Armistead King* of *Hampton*, about 5 feet 8 inches high, about 23 years of age, and has a scar under his right eye; has on an osnabrug shirt, a pair of osnabrug sailors trousers, and Negro cotton waistcoat. The owners are desired to send for the said slaves, and pay the charges to

WILLIAM LANE.

RUN away from the subscriber in *Prince George*, last *Easter* holidays, a *Virginia* born Negro man named BOB, alias KIT, about 27 years old, and pretty tall and well made; had with him a blue kersey jacket, and other clothing, such as field Negroes generally have. I purchased him when Colonel *Churchill's* sale was at *Urbanna* last *January* from Mr. *Matthew Whiting*, jun. of *Gloucester*, in which neighbourhood he has been seen several times; and as he has a wife at said *Whiting's*, I have reason to believe he is still lurking thereabouts. I will give 3*l.* reward to whoever will apprehend the said slave, and deliver him to me on *James* river.

WILLIAM BLACK.

N. B. Having great reason to suspect he is encouraged to stay out by some in the above neighbourhood, I promise a genteel reward to any that will furnish me with sufficient proof to prosecute whoever may entertain him in such unlawful manner, which I will do to the utmost rigour of the law.

STRAYED from the subscriber, in *Warwick* county, a black pacing horse, about 13 hands and a half high, his mane cut off, on the top of each side his neck by the mane, and under his throat, is of a roan colour, by having many gray hairs mixed with the black. As he was brought from my plantation in *Kent*, I am prevailed on to think (if strayed) he is somewhere about Col. *Burwell's*, *Jamestown*, or *Barret's* ferry. Whoever brings the said horse to me shall have 10*s.* reward.

R. LUCAS.

N. B. He strayed the 10th of *May* last. His brand I cannot remember well enough to describe. R. L.

On Tuesday *the 8th of* August *next will be* SOLD *at* CHATSWORTH, *in* Henrico *county*,

The Personal Estate

of the late Hon. PETER RANDOLPH, Esq; deceased, consisting of a great variety of elegant HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, PLATE, and CHINA WARE, a CHARIOT and HORSES, WAGGONS, HORSES, CATTLE, SHEEP, and HOGS, KITCHEN FURNITURE, and sundry other things.——Six months credit, paying interest, will be allowed, on giving bond, &c. to

A. CARY,
R. RANDOLPH,
J. WAYLES,
S. WARD,
} Executors.

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N. B. In DECEMBER next, at WARWICK, in *Chesterfield* county, will be SOLD, upwards of TWO HUNDRED

SLAVES,

belonging to the same estate, of which farther notice will be given in this paper.

LOST,

ABOUT the beginning of the month, one of Col. *Bernard Moore's* LOTTERY TICKETS, No. 1033, in a red morocco pocketbook, with a large yellow clasp, containing a few trifling shop notes, one or two receipts, &c. This is chiefly intended that the ticket may be of no service to any one but its proper owner. Whoever will produce the pocketbook to the Printer shall have a reward adequate to his trouble.

JULY 22, 1769.

TAKEN up, in *Albemarle*, a large steer, marked with a smooth crop in the left ear, his head and neck red half way the shoulders, his legs red to a little above the knees, the other part of his body white, only a few red spots, a small white place in his forehead, and branded on the rump RT; posted, and appraised to 40*s.*

WILLIAM THURMAN.

TAKEN up, in *Mecklenburg*, a middle sized bay mare, about 4 feet 6 or 7 inches high, with a dark mane and tail, had on a bell, and branded on the near buttock); posted, and appraised to 3*l.*

JOHN BYNG.

WILLIAMSBURG, JUNE 20, 1769.

AT a general meeting of the merchants and traders of this colony, held at the *Raleigh*, to appoint a certain day in the General and *Oyer* courts for the meeting of all persons concerned in the exchange and commerce of this country, and also to agree upon a certain limited time for settling the price and course of exchange, thereby to expedite the mode and shorten the expense of doing business, it was proposed and unanimously agreed to,

First. That the 25th days of *October* and *April*, and the 1st days of the *Oyer* courts, shall be the fixed days of meeting in *Williamsburg* for all persons concerned in the exchange and commerce of this country.

Second. That the time limited for settling the price and course of exchange, and the payment of all money contracts in the General Courts, shall be three days; to begin from the said 25th days of *October* and *April*, exclusive of *Sundays*, and in the *Oyer* courts from the first days of the said courts to the first *Friday* in the said courts.

Third. That all persons who shall engage for the payment of money, or other contracts, in *Williamsburg*, in the General and *Oyer* courts, shall be deemed violators of their engagements, and declared absentees, if not present on the above first days.

JAMES HUBARD, Secretary of the Trade.

By virtue of a trust deed made to the subscribers, for the benefit of the creditors of Mr. John Orr, *will be sold on the premises, on the second* Thursday *in* August *next*,

THE dwelling plantation of the said *John Orr*, containing 440 acres of land, pleasantly situated, and commands an agreeable prospect of *Rappahannock* and *Potomack* rivers, near one half of it enclosed, and is very good land. There is on the said tract a very genteel and commodious dwelling-house 56 by 32, with four brick chimnies and a good cellar, every convenient outhouse, a garden and yard paled in, the whole finished within a few years, and in good taste. Twelve months credit will be allowed, and the possession delivered at *Christmas* next.

WILL. BERNARD.
THOMAS JETT.

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For SALE,

A SQUARE of four lots of half an acre each on the main street in *Fredericksburg*, on which are the following improvements, viz. my dwelling-house, consisting of seven good rooms and a large airy passage, six fireplaces, three good cellars, and three large closets; the garden extends from the main street to the back street, and contains about an acre of ground; at the north west end is a high freestone wall; a commodious kitchen and laundry under one roof, with four fireplaces, the rooms being all plaistered; two common kitchens, for servants; dairy, smokehouse, and all other convenient houses and yards for wood, poultry, &c. a coach house and stables for above 20 horses, and a cooper's shop, also a large storehouse, warehouse, and cellar, and salt sheds, under one roof, on the main street; all which are but little more than 100 yards from the river side, where small ships may lay close to the shore.

Also my FARM adjoining the town, at the lower end, extending about half a mile down the river, where the channel is close to the shore, and runs near two miles back; the whole is very rich land, and is a complete farm, having now on it a flourishing crop of wheat from 103 bushels of wheat sowed, which may be expected to produce 2000 bushels, besides barley, oats, rye, pease, and *Indian* corn, of which last I generally make 250 barrels a year, and the whole only with eight hands and four horses, from which the value of it may be easily judged. On it are about 30 acres of meadow ground, part in meadow, and the rest cleared; but the most valuable part of it is a level piece of ground next to the town line from the river back, which one day or other must be added to the town, and I doubt not will yield as good a price as the lots I have already sold and added to the town, which have produced me about 2500*l.* It is well known that *Fredericksburg* commands an extensive trade from the back country, and must increase as the back settlements increase, being at the head of navigation.

I have also a valuable little mill, with bolting cloths, within the bounds of the town, the profits of which in the flower manufacture is about 200*l.* a year; and about 100 yards from it, on the *Hazel* run, is an extraordinary situation for a complete merchant mill, that may be made to yield a profit of 4 or 500*l.* a year, and not cost more than 6 or 700*l.* for every thing complete, a good quarry of freestone not being more than 100 yards from the spot, and a battoe may be brought by the tide within a small distance of the mill door, the river, where sea vessels may lie close to the shore, not exceeding a quarter of a mile from the place where the mill must stand. All these advantages render this estate of great value, in the sale of which I will not be my own judge, but leave it to indifferent Gentlemen, whose opinion I will abide by, or forfeit 50*l.* to the person intending to purchase, provided he will do the same if he does not abide by it also.

Two lots and houses where Mr. *James Hume* lately lived, in the most pleasant situation on the main street in *Fredericksburg*; the dwelling-house has six good rooms in it, with brick chimnies, and extraordinary good cellars, convenient outhouses and yards, and an exceeding good well.

Also fifteen unimproved lots, [illegible] bounds of *Fredericksburg*.

Also a tract of about 3000 acres of land in the county of *Albemarle*, on the three forks of *Pretty's* creek, falling into *James* river, on which is a large body of valuable low grounds above two miles in extent, with houses and improvements sufficient for 15 hands, and produces extraordinary crops and stocks. This estate has about 20 slaves on it, with fine stocks in proportion, which I would choose to sell altogether, at a moderate price, to any Gentleman who wants an estate already stocked and improved to his hands, together with the corn and fodder that may be made there this year.

Also a tract of 1500 acres of very good land, running three miles on the *Hedgman* river, in *Culpeper* county.

Also a valuable tavern at *Culpeper* courthouse, in *Fairfax* town, a large commodious house, with all convenient outhouses, stable, garden, &c. It has vast custom, and rents at present but for 45*l.* a year, though worth much more.

Also a valuable tract adjoining the said town of *Fairfax*, belonging to Mr. *Robert Coleman*, containing 220 acres of rich land; as also 20 lots of ground, of half an acre each, in the said town, one of which is improved with a good dwelling-house with brick chimnies, and other convenient outhouses. On the land is a large quantity of meadow ground, and a good pasture. There cannot be a more profitable place for tradesmen or manufacturers to settle at in *Virginia* than this spot, being surrounded by a thick neighbourhood and rich lands.

Any person inclinable to purchase either of the above tracts, lots, or houses, will find either of them a good bargain, and worth their while to apply to me at *Fredericksburg*.

ROGER DIXON.

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WILLIAMSBURG, JULY 6, 1769.

COMMITTED to *James City* prison, a *Virginia* born Negro fellow named ISAAC, about 25 years of age, about 5 feet 7 inches high, who has on a Negro cotton waistcoat and breeches, a white linen and an osnabrug shirt, and says he belongs to *Peter Conway*, of *Lancaster* county. Also a *Virginia* born Mulatto fellow named DICK, about 5 feet 8 inches high, about 30 years of age, who has on a Negro cotton waistcoat, and osnabrug shirt and breeches, and says he belongs to *Thomas Morris*, of *Brunswick* county. The owners are desired to send for the said slaves, and pay the charges to

WILLIAM LANE.

YORK Town, JUNE 28, 1769.

AS the tickets in the subscriber's lottery are not all sold, and as he has hopes of disposing of them in a few months more, he begs that those who have been so kind as to purchase will not take amiss his putting off the drawing until the 21st of *November* next. And he entreats the favour of his creditors to wait until that time; when, if he cannot draw the lottery, he will most certainly dispose of the effects (be the loss what it will to him) for ready money.

5 JOHN THOMPSON, sen.

To be SOLD *to the highest bidder, on* Friday *the* 11*th of* August *next, on the premises, and entered on the* 1*st of* September,

A VERY valuable TRACT of LAND, containing 200 acres, in *Lunenburg* county, where Mr. *Andrew Johnston* keeps store, on the main road that leads from *Roanoke* to any part of *James* river, about 90 miles from *Petersburg*, now in the best repair for merchandising, and allowed to be one of the best places in the back parts for that purpose, or any other publick trade. The rent for the houses only is 22*l.* 10*s.* a year. The land is of the best kind for tobacco, lies entirely well, and is convenient to church, courthouse, and mills. Half the money to be paid at the day of sale, and twelve months credit will be allowed for the remainder, the purchaser giving bond and good security to

RICHARD STOKES, jun.

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To be SOLD *at* Rocky-Ridge, *on* Thursday *the* 12*th of* October, *for ready money*,

Upwards of forty

Fine SLAVES,

Most of them *Virginia* born.

VIRGINIA, sc.

At a General Court held at the Capitol the 27*th day of* April, 1769.

Thomas Smith, John Wright, and Henry Gray, of London, bankers, plaintiffs,
Against
Joseph Elam, of Leeds, in Great Britain, James Gibson, Josiah Granbery, and Joseph Scott, defendants,
} In chancery.

THE defendant, *Joseph Elam*, being beyond sea, and not having entered his appearance according to the rule of this court, on the motion of the plaintiffs, by their counsel, it is ordered that the other defendants, who have effects of the said *Joseph* in their hands, as is suggested, do not pay, convey away, or secrete such effects, until the further order or decree of this court concerning the same; but that they deliver up such effects, or so much thereof as will be of value sufficient to satisfy the demands of the plaintiffs, unto the said plaintiffs, upon their giving security to the clerk of this court for the return of the said effects, in such manner, and to such persons, as the court shall hereafter adjudge. And it is further ordered that the said defendant, *Joseph Elam*, do appear here on the first day of the next court, to answer the bill of the plaintiffs; and that a copy of this order be, within fifteen days, inserted in the *Virginia* Gazette, for two months successively, and published on some Lord's day immediately after divine service, in the church of the parish of *Suffolk*, in the county of *Nansemond*, and be also posted up at the front door of the Capitol, in the city of *Williamsburg*.

9 BEN. WALLER.

TEN POUNDS REWARD.

RUN away from the subscriber's plantation, in *Loudoun* county, from *James Whaley*, overseer, on last *Easter Monday*, TOM, a Negro man slave, by some called *Tom Salter*, of a middle size, well made for strength, about 28 years old, has bad teeth, and many small pimples about his beard; he can read, and play on the fiddle, and had a variety of clothes, but his common working dress was dieh brown cotton. He managed several years as an overseer for me, under Capt. *Robert Dowman*, at a plantation of mine on *Marattico* creek, in *Richmond* county, where he always lived until lately. He is a dissembling artful fellow, and generally smiles when he speaks. I suspect he is lurking about a plantation belonging to *Charles Carter*, Esq; in *Hanover* county, at or near *South Wales*, where he has a wife named *Sebra*, and perhaps at times about his old haunts at *Marattico*. Whoever will deliver him to me, in *Prince William* county, shall have the above reward; or if they will secure him in any of his Majesty's gaols, so that I may get him again, 5*l.* and if he is taken out of the colony, and brought home to me, 20*l.* paid by

Tf HENRY LEE.

To be SOLD,

TWO TRACTS of LAND, lately belonging to Col. *John Fry*, one of them about 1000 acres, on the branches of *Hardware* river, a branch of *James* river, in the county of *Albemarle*; the other about 1200 acres, on the branches of *Willis's* river, in the county of *Buckingham*. The above tracts of land were taken up and surveyed in small parcels, but are now included in two patents. For terms apply to the subscribers, who have deeds for the same, and will dispose of them either according to the inclusive patents or in separate parcels, agreeable to the first surveys.

HENRY FRY.
JOHN SCOTT.
JOHN NICHOLAS.

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